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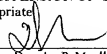
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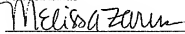
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Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action dated October 24, 2008, please reconsider the above-referenced application as follows:

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.